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WORK OF THE YEAR WAS REVIEWED

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Stenson, \$2,000 was left the Home, but local complications in the matter have arisen, and it is uncertain whether the Home will be benefited, as she intended. This, however, will not change the kindness of her desire to help the homeless, whose privations lay near her heart. Mr. Smith was a most valued member of our advisory board, and we deeply deplore his loss. By his will the Home received \$250, so, ever thoughtful of the poor and neglected, he has gone to his rest. Mrs. Throop, a life member during 14 years, and left us a legacy of \$2,000, all of which was applied on the debt, "this also that this woman has done shall be told for a memorial of her."

WORK OF COMMITTEES.
Our committees have worked faithfully in the 12 months past. The finance committee, whose labors have been commended a concert which netted \$25.18, an excursion which realized \$85.85 and a chrysanthemum show which brought in \$11.85, deserve high praise for their ability and good management. With our enlarged territory the fuel committee and their responsibilities have increased, but they have bravely grappled with them. The building committee have been confronted with many problems and arduous duties, but have proved themselves equal to any emergency. The religious services committee provided 15 services, which were much enjoyed. It is hoped one may be held every Sunday. The committee on grounds has been unable to show what they could do, owing to the lack of funds, but look forward to the time when they shall make our new grounds bloom and blossom as the roses. The committee on burials has been performing with fidelity. The committee on deserts has provided many acceptable additions to the Sunday bill of fare.

How to mention the gifts of the year? How to express our gratitude to all the friends who have helped the Home in a difficult matter? The annual pamphlet will not begin to contain all we wish to say. Does a society, a club, a church, a Sunday school class, have a social gathering, are there good things left? Straightway they are sent to the Home to carry enjoyment there. The clergy, the press, the markets, the telephone company, physicians, workmen, guilds, farmers, engineers, women and children have contributed freely of their resources. Were it not for their generous gifts given by those owning it, what size would our bills attain unto? Do we really realize what we do? "milk daily," "supplies from the bakeries many times a week," really mean? The variety of gifts is infinite: A barrel of apples, a white apron, a wagon load of provisions, a sideboard, a barrel of apples, clothing, crockery, a day's sewing, a scrap book, a barrel of flour, tickets to entertainments, two quilts, placed in the hands of a friend; thus runs the donation list.

LOVELY FLOWERS SENT.
From Clark's Summit and Hamilton came lovely flowers, bringing with them the breath of God's summer. From a class of young girls in the M. E. church at Dalton and from the Baptist church there came two pretty quilts; from the broad sweep of the meadows and sunny hillsides of Elmhurst came a delicious fruit; from Waverly came a kind-hearted farmer bringing some of the joys of the country, as he thought "the children might like some fresh eggs." Here the busy city a little coterie of young girls saved their pennies and bought material out of which five little skirts were made "for the Home babies." A series of Bible lectures brought in \$2; a pillow sale, \$12.21; a huge ball game, \$20.49; the Merry Workers, by a sale and a play made \$200.33; and many the sources by which the Home is supported. On donation day there was a great outpouring of money and supplies. It was with grateful hearts that the managers viewed the results. Late in the afternoon a ham was sent by three young boys, former inmates, but now wage-earners, who said when they saw the notice in the paper: Here it is! Pay has been good and they were good to us. We'll send something." The special Thanksgiving dinner by Governor Hastings in October nearly resulted in the ruin of the reputation for truth possessed by one small boy who, fortified by the recollection of last year's experience, had dilated on the glories of a Thanksgiving dinner at the Home, in which turkey and cranberries occupied a prominent place. When, therefore, the juvenile part of the family found themselves on the October Thanksgiving confronted by an ordinary week-day dinner, so many were the reproaches heaped upon the head of the unlucky proposer of a feast that he fled to the matron to be reassured. "Don't you tell me the truth? Don't we have turkey and cranberries on Thanksgiving?" Hard as was the disappointment the threatened loss of reputation was averted. Fortunately, the real Thanksgiving came in due time to the rescue, with nine chickens, and nine turkeys, headed by ex-Sheriff Robinson's thirty-pound bird, and a perfect halo of cranberries to relieve waiting hearts and vindicate an imperilled name.

A HAPPY FAMILY.
On Christmas eve no happier family in the city gathered around its sparkling tree than that in the Home. Old and young were alike enchanted with their gifts, and one dear little girl, recently rescued from horrible surroundings, actually cried for joy at the thought of a Christmas tree—it was something she had never expected to have. Could the Christmas donors have witnessed the joy their offerings gave they would have felt themselves richly rewarded. In the year's past many of several children had been brought us, whose existence—it could scarcely be called life—beggared description. Their mother had left them in their own devices, their clothing a few filthy rags, their bed the earthen floor, an old lamp doing duty for both fire and light, their food of the most revolting description. It was almost incredible that such conditions could exist in a civilized community. The influence of a Christian home have worked wonders, and the transformation is marvelous. At the head of the joyous little procession on the Christmas eve marched the youngest of these children, solemnly and carefully carrying in his arms a doll. He took his position directly in front of the tree, and after a prolonged gaze, laid his doll down under the tree, and his branches, then folding his little hands he rocked to and fro in pure delight, utterly absorbed in the radiant vision that filled his eyes. His eyes glowed, his breath came short and quick. For a long time he said nothing; then, as a steaming manager went by with both

hands full he caught her dress and said, with a gasp, as he pointed at a trinket on the tree: "Oh Missus! Won't you give me dat little fiddle?" "Are you going to say your prayers the same tonight?" inquired one vivacious spirit at bed time. "I'm not. I'm going to thank God for my Christmas presents, and because we're going to have turkey tomorrow." Ah, the poor little denied lives; the stunted conscience, the dense ignorance, the pitiful cases that the Home's fostering care receives. Very quickly, in most instances, comes the response to kind, gentle treatment and mild, but firm discipline, such as most of our charges have never known. Some one recently passing a group of the children overheard the conclusion of the school master. Said one learned little person: "God made all of us, but we've got to mind Mrs. Walker." To which, after due reflection, the chorus assented: "That's so." The attention to the matron is pleasant to witness, and she is quoted as high authority: "Not long ago when the boys' dormitory was full of happy children preparing for their night's rest, it was suggested that they run a race to see who could first get to bed. Presently, from a room at the end, came a clear voice: "I'm in bed first. I've beaten everybody, even God." "No you haven't," was the rejoinder from some one of superior knowledge. "God never goes to bed; he never sleeps," Mrs. Walker says so," which was an unanswerable argument. Most thorough in the comfort of the old inmates, after birthday gifts and dainty teas fall to their lot, and the sunshine of loving care brightens the twilight of their lives. Do we need a motto for the new year? "The greatest of these is love." Do we require an incentive? "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." As we take up the burden, not knowing what the future has in store for us to each one would bring Koble's words: "Then cheerily to your work again. With hearts new braced and set To run, untried love's blessed race."

CHANGE OF WEATHER.
After a long term of the most delightful weather, there has come a change at last. For the past twenty-four hours it has been raining hard and all outdoor military exercises have been suspended. Little, or no, inconvenience has been caused by this change, except to those on fatigue or on guard. The winter part of the tar paper of the roof of C Company's mess hall, and the rain came through to such an extent that the men had to quit the place, and eat their meals in their tents once more. The members of Company E, which has returned from front duty, have had to suspend work on their mess hall, as they had only the mere framework erected when the downpour set in. Lieutenant Blanchard, of the hospital corps, has performed another very successful operation for an abscess on this time on Private Martin Howley, of C Company, who recently returned from a long sick furlough. Dr. Blanchard feels elated over the success of the operation, but not any happier than the long-suffering patient, who has been sick since the middle of last August. Private Howley is a highly esteemed member of his company, and his many friends will be glad to know that since joining the regiment here, he has improved much in health, and will soon be as strong as ever, and able to attend to his regular duties. Private Lynn Adams, of A, is in the regimental hospital, suffering from some slight wounds recently sustained while engaged in foot ball practice. He fell and sprained the ankle of his right foot. The injury, while painful, is in no way serious. It is now being treated daily, and it is expected that Private Adams will be all right in less than a week. Some time ago, Battalions Sergeants Major Lattimer Reese and William S.

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At its conclusion the chairman suggested that a vote of thanks be tendered both ladies for the admirable way in which they presented the work of the year.

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Mrs. H. M. Boies suggested that a change be made in the by-laws relating to the duties of chief manager and matron, and after some discussion a by-law prepared by Mrs. Kennedy was presented, which was intended to avoid abolishing the office of chief manager. Mrs. J. A. Robertson and Mrs. W. D. Kennedy were appointed a committee to arrange the matter to lay before the next quarterly meeting.

DR. LOGAN'S ADDRESS.
Rev. Dr. Logan made an address, containing reminiscences of the years in which he had been interested in the Home. He said that there are no friendless people here in this community. There is a demonstration of Christian work in this city and its environment. The spirit which emanates from the Home is of a greater value than the actual aid given the needy. Rev. Richard Horns followed with a beautiful tribute to the work and to the tender affection existing between the matron, Mrs. A. K. Walker, and the children. His friendly visits may be ample proof of the noble results achieved. At the conclusion of these remarks, a vote of thanks was given Judge Knapp and the board of managers of the Young Women's Christian association. The newly-elected president, Mrs. Kennedy, stated that at a meeting next Friday afternoon in the same place, announcement of the standing committees will be made. The session then adjourned.

BASKET BALL REVIVED.
Scranton Players, Who Once Were State Champions, Reorganize.
A party of young men met last evening at Charles Zang's cafe on Linden street and reorganized the Scranton basketball team, which held the championship for 1896-'97, under the management of Edward Coleman. This year Mr. Coleman could not give his time to the game, and so the team's management will be in charge of George Nelson Teets, an old-time player and manager of the team in '95. He will be assisted by Charles Zang as captain. They will have full control of the players.

Is Eureka a Synonym for Coal?
"Eureka!"
The cry burst jubilantly from the burglar. He had just opened the jewel case and found coal secreted there.—New York Journal.

DISCHARGE RUMOR WENT THE ROUNDS

SOLDIERS WERE HIGHLY ELATED FOR A SHORT TIME.

Non-Commissioned Officers Have Organized a Mess—Scheme Is Working Admirably—Successful Operation Performed on Private Martin Howley of C Company—Team from the Thirteenth Played Basket Ball in Augusta—Some of the Late Gossip of the Camp.

Special to the Scranton Tribune.
Camp MacKenzie, Augusta, Ga., Jan. 12.—If anybody ever had any doubt as to the sentiments of the members of the Thirteenth on the question of being mustered out, they would soon be definitely settled, if he had heard the yells of delight which went up from all parts of the camp Wednesday night, when a rather premature statement was read in the Augusta papers to the effect that the regiments of the Second army corps, which were to leave the service, would be mustered out in the camps in which they are now established. This at first was misunderstood, and the report was set afloat that, as a matter of fact, the entire corps would be mustered out. It was then that pandemonium reigned, and the boys showed with what delight they would hail the news of their being mustered out. There are already apparently well-founded rumors of approaching changes going the rounds. The members of the First Maryland are positive that Governor Lowndes, of their state, will eventually succeed in inducing the war department to muster them out and it is confidently hoped, on the representations of their congressmen, that the men of the Fifteenth Minnesota will be at home with their families before the middle of March. If these expected changes should take place, both brigades, and, in fact, the division and the corps, would be pretty well broken up; and it is not improbable that they would have a direct bearing on the prospects of the Thirteenth. They are now looked forward to with more than usual interest.

CAMP GOSSIP.
Corporal Willard Lathrop, of A, is assistant quartermaster sergeant of his company, and is kept busy trying to please the boys.

Private George Dolph, of A, has been detailed to act as cook for that company for ten days.

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Gould, Quartermaster Sergeant Isaac Brown, Color Sergeant Charles Reed, Hospital Stewards Clark, Kistler and Gillespie, First Sergeant Watrous, of G; Sergeant Clarence Lathrop, of C; Corporal Patrick Whalen, of H, and Private Walter Loomis, of the hospital corps, formed for themselves a "non-commissioned officers' mess." They pay \$4 extra every month, and with this they not only hire a special colored cook, but obtain all the extras which they need.

The scheme has worked admirably so far, and now most of the non-coms" of Company D are taking steps towards this same end, with the difference that they will admit any private who desires to join. They are to pay \$2 extra per month, in advance, and have calculated that, with their regular rations added to this, they can live very well. Twenty have already subscribed their names, and the boys hope to make it such a success that many more will join, and thereby better themselves, instead of spending probably double the amount at the canteen for eatables that give no satisfaction.

A hastily constructed team from the Thirteenth went to Augusta Wednesday evening and played a game of indoor base ball with the Catholic Library association. The score was 14 to 9 in favor of the latter. The band did not go on account of the bad weather, nor were there many members of the regiment present. The regular team will go there next week, and make things lively once more.

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